(ङ) भविष्य में ग्रामीण विकास को प्राथमिकता दिए जाने के संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच० पटेल) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ङ) ग्रामीण विकास को अत्यधिक प्राथमिकता दी गई है ।

New Science Treaty with Russia

@1325. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in the Hinduston Times of 24th April, 1992 captioned "All Science Pacts with Russia being cancelled";

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Indian Delegation of Scientists have gone to Moscow recently in this connection, if so, the outcome of talks held between the two countries ; and

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to deal with this present situation and whether there is any move to sign a fresh integrated Long Team Programme between the two countries in Science and Technology: if so, he details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGRATE ALVA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Two separate Indian scientific delegations visited Moscow during mid-April, 1992. The first delegation participated in the 4th Session of the Joint Council for the Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation (ILTP) in Science & Technology in Moscow held on April 17-18, 1992. It was emphasised during the meeting that the Indo-Russian cooperation will be broad based with inter-institutional involvement and joint cooperative research and joint projects will be organised between various scientific organisations and institutions of India and Russia, including educational, R&D and production centres. The second delegation, which was led by Chairman, Space Commission held talks with relevant Russian agencies on cryogenic technology.

(c) Fruitful and useful negotiations were carried out during the 4th Session of ILTP Joint Council meeting. The Russian side confirmed that the Russian Academy of Sciences has inherited all obligations of the USSR Academy of Sciences, specially those concerned with scientific and technical cooperation with India under ILTP. It was agreed during the Joint Council meeting that Department of Science & Technology (DST) and the Russian Academy of Sciences shall be the nodal coordinating bodies for the implementation of this programme from the Indian and Russian sides, respectively.

Technology to Produce Injectible Inactivoted Polio Vaccine

1326. SHRI KRISHANA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed in 1989 with the French Governmeht for bringing fresh technology to India for a joint venture to produce injectible inactivated polio vaccine in the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that project has run into rough weather and there is no likelihood of its being taken up in the near future ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

@Previously Unstarred Question 563, transferred from 4th May, 1992.